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Rapid River News!

From LRBOI



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The **Currents** for March is out! The paper was posted on line at www.lrboi.com on the 15th and distributed to the government buildings the same day. It was mailed on the 18th.

(Cultural related items)

- **Corn Soup & Frybread Cookoff!** March 12th there will be a special Cookoff at Aki Maadiziwin with separate judging for both Soup and Bread. Doors open at 11:30, there are cash prizes and there is a \$3 entry fee/donation. This is sponsored by the LRBOI Kwewok Group in support of the Tribal Princess program.

• **Peacemaking-Probation Department**

It is that time again...the Peacemaking/Probation Department is looking for tribal members to become Peacemakers. Every year we strive to get new people involved and to volunteer to become Peacemakers. Let's make good on that New Year resolution and be part of the solution. The Peacemaking/Probation Department need you.

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker, Please contact Pat Wilson or Austen Brauker, they can be contacted at these numbers (231)398-2239 and (231)398-2240. Or by email: pwilson@lrboi.com and abrauker@lrboi.com

Odenaang Enjinoojimoying "A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

- The Historic Preservation department will be having a **2011 Jiingtamok Planning** follow-up meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:37 pm. The meeting will be held at the Historic Preservation offices located at 294 River Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:
 - o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
 - o The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com
 - o Next meeting is March 5th at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center
- March meeting
 - o Election of Officers
 - o Discussion on Flag Carriers and Honor Guards
 - o Review list of names to be added to Memorial
 - o Lunch with the Elders and announcement of Officers

Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon Four Season's
2011 Gatherings
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm
ST. Thomas Hall

3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }
Muskegon , Michigan
POTLUCK = Dish to pass
tableware and beverage will be supplied
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865

Debra Gutowski
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

March -- 27 Easter Gathering
Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering
Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper
Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering
11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates

**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialize
and share the day and make memories.....**

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(General area items)

- **United Tribes of Michigan.** The February meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan was held on the 23rd with a legislative reception that evening and then a very full and successful all day meeting on the 24th. Ogema Romanelli, Elected President of the United Tribes, represented LRBOI. Pictures and a story will appear in the April *Currents*.

Tight Lines for Troops. The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2nd Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams."

Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.

Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program

The LRBOI Department of Commerce Workforce Development Program is finalizing plans for a Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program designed to provide qualifying Tribal Citizens a work experience in an assortment of positions via its' government, enterprises and business entities. David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, explains the program as an opportunity for the LRBOI Tribal Citizen to gain supervised experience in a work setting that can be included on their resume and in interviews.

The Adult component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the program will be based on the strength of their interview and LRBOI Application for Employment which must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. Applicants must also submit a Workforce Development Application for Programs. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from Spring 2011 until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$10.00 per hour.

The Youth component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens 16-17 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will also be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the Youth program will be based on the submission of a work permit. State labor laws require the submission of a CA-7 work permit for minors 16 and 17 years of age. No one will be considered or selected for the program without a work permit. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from the end of the public school year until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$7.65 per hour.

Watch for full details of the Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program in the April issue of *Currents* and in *Rapid River News*.

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

Fitness and fun at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing *Wii* activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.

The **Indian Health Service Scholarship** is now available online with a closing date of March 28, 2011. We do encourage students to submit their documents prior to the deadline so that we can attempt to review their application for completeness. Attached is the listing of those health and pre health professions that the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program will consider.

This past cycle, the Bemidji Area (MI, MN, WI, IL and IN) had received 13 new awardees out of the 86 new national awards that were made and 3rd out of the 12 I.H.S. areas, behind Oklahoma and Aberdeen.

<http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/>

This is very competitive scholarship based on 1) GPA, 2) Student essay and 3) Two faculty/employer evaluations. It is NOT based on income or age and students may apply either full time or part time.

If you know of any students who are interested in applying for the I.H.S. Health Professions Scholarship or if you can share this information with those at your Tribal education programs, newspapers, websites, etc., it would be much appreciated.

Any questions, please contact: Anthony Buckanaga, Health Professions Recruiter
Indian Health Service 522 Minnesota Ave, NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Phone: 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079 Email: tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov FAX: 218-444-0498

(Tribal Government-Department items)

Election Candidate Information. Candidates for the General elections have submitted messages concerning their run for office. Their first messages were in the February *Currents* which is available in the government offices, online at www.lrboi.com and which has been mailed. The next issue for Candidate articles will be in the April edition with distribution on March 15th. The deadline for candidates to submit their articles is March 1st at 5 p.m.

The **deadline for voter registration** for the General Election is March 4th, 2011. You must be registered to participate in the election.

Elders Survey Time! Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.

Elders March meeting! The Tribal Elders have announced that they will host a meet-n-greet for all candidates at their March 5th meeting at Aki Maadiziwin. The normal meeting time is from noon until 2 p.m. See the announcement letter at the end of the Rapid River.

The Elders will also be having their MIEA election March 5th. They will be electing 2 representatives and 1 alternate to go to the meetings. One of the reps will need to be a Veteran Warrior so they can carry the tribal flag at the meetings. First meeting of the MIEA will be April 18th to April 20th at Sault Saint Marie, Michigan

Tribal Health Clinic clients! The Health Clinic will be closed on Monday, March 7th due to construction on the electrical system in the building. Please plan accordingly for your medication refills and communication with Contract Health for appointments. Should you have a medical emergency please go to your nearest Emergency Room or call 911. Thank you for your patience.

Spring Membership Meeting
Saturday April 9, 2011

Friday April 8, 2011 7 pm – 9 pm	Ogema Meet & Greet	Little River Casino Resort Event Center
Saturday April 9, 2011 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Membership Meeting	Little River Casino Resort Event Center

Meeting Agenda

8 a.m. – Registration Begins	Located Near Event Center
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Informational Booths	Hallway – Three Fires Conference
10 a.m. - Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations	Event Center
10:00 a.m. Opening of meeting	
12 p.m.	Lunch Served Informational Booths Close
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Official Meeting Begins
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Question and Answer Period
4 p.m. Meeting Ends	<i>Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home</i>
<i>Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~</i>	

Casino Board of Directors meetings have been set. They are:

- o March 25
- o April 8

• **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.

• **Temporary Staff Positions in Tribal Natural Resources** Aquatics Program.

This summer the LRBOI Natural Resources Department will be hiring temporary staff to assist with fisheries and aquatic monitoring. Many exciting projects are in store including working with sturgeon, stream fish, bugs and water sampling. Many weekends and nights will be worked throughout the summer. If wading in fast water, seeing fish and picking bugs seems like a good summer job and you are enrolled in a BS degree program in biology (or related field) please submit an application to the Human Resources Department by March 1st.

- **DNRE Seeks Help from Public to Detect Presence of Wolves in Northern Lower Peninsula**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment today announced it will conduct a survey in the northern Lower Peninsula Feb. 15 through March 14 to detect the presence of gray wolves in that region of the state. The DNRE is working with several of the area Tribal governments on this project.

“The purpose of the survey is to verify the presence of wolves both where we have previously confirmed animals and to detect new occurrences in other areas,” said DNRE wildlife biologist Jennifer Kleitch. “Given the low probability of observing a wolf or tracks in the Lower Peninsula it’s helpful to have as many eyes looking as possible. That’s why public reports are so important.”

Wolves are a federally protected species that began naturally returning to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula via Canada and Wisconsin in the early 1990s. Since that time populations have increased and continue to expand their range. Evidence of range expansion into the Lower Peninsula came when a gray wolf was accidentally killed in Presque Isle County in 2004. More recently, wolf breeding was verified in Cheboygan County in 2010.

The DNRE is asking the public to report any recent sightings of wolves or tracks they believe were made by wolves to the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541, ext. 5901 during the survey period. Reports of observations can also be submitted online at www.dnr.state.mi.us/wildlife/pubs/wolf_obsreport.asp.

- **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

- **Work Search Computer!** The Commerce Department’s Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRCR, as well as other job resource information.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	1 opening
LRCR Board	1 opening for an elected official

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(Tribal Health Clinic)

- **Wii Bowling for Elders.** The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding **Wii** bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

“Every thing or living being that exists in this world, be it trees, flowers, birds, grasses, rocks, soil of the earth, or human beings, has its unique manner of existence - its essence, its spirit that makes it what it is. That is what is meant by connectedness.”

-- Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

Scientists are finally realizing what the Elders have taught for thousands of years - everything is connected. Because everything is interconnected, whatever you do to any one thing, you do to everything. If you poison any part of the earth, the poison eventually affects everything else. If you poison the plants, the birds will eat the plants, which poisons the birds. The birds are eaten by humans which poisons the humans. The humans will have babies who could be deformed because the plants were poisoned. We must learn to live in harmony with the earth. We must learn to think good things. Every good thought is felt by everything, which causes everything to be happy.

Creator, let my thoughts only be good thoughts

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Chairman: Ronald Pete
Secretary: Marcella Leusby

Trustee: Connie Waitner
Trustee: Martha Kase

Dear Candidate;

This is an invitation to attend the Elder's Meeting on March 5th, 2011.

We hope you will come at noon and eat with the elders.

When the meeting is called to order, Each of you will be introduced, given 5 minutes for you to speak to the elders. There will be no questions from the elders.

We hope you will take this opportunity to, put a face on the name, what you feel are the most pressing issues facing our Nation now and in the future and to give your vision of the direction where you believe the Nation needs to be moving.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
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Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com .
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.